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In re application of

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Examiner: Gregg Cantelmo

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For: POLYMER ELECTROLYTE MEMBRANE AND SOLID POLYMER ELECTROLYTE
FUEL CELL USING SAME

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed on June 4, 2003. Please consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

Election of Species for Claims 1 and 13

On page 2 of the Office Action, in paragraph 1, the Examiner indicates that claims 1 and 13 are generic to a plurality of disclosed patentably distinct species comprising a first polymer comprising a sulfonated polyarylene polymer and a second polymer comprising a hydrocarbon polymer sulfonate other than a sulfonated polyarylene polymer.

The Examiner indicates that Applicants are required to elect an ultimate species for each of the first and second polymer electrolytes.